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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 97-02284

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

Applicant requests that his records be corrected to reflect award of the Air Medal. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinion was forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

After careful consideration of applicant's request and the available evidence of record, we find insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant corrective action. The facts and opinions stated in the advisory opinion appear to be based on the evidence of record and have not been rebutted by applicant. Absent persuasive evidence applicant was denied rights to which entitled, appropriate regulations were not followed, or appropriate standards were not applied, we find no basis to disturb the existing record.

Accordingly, applicant's request is denied.

The Board staff is directed to inform applicant of this decision. Applicant should also be informed that this decision is final and will only be reconsidered upon the presentation of new relevant evidence which was not reasonably available at the time the application was filed.

Members of the Board Ms. Martha Maust, Mr. Joseph G. Diamond, and Mr. Frank J. Colson considered this application on 14 Jan 98 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603 and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C. 1552.


MARTHA MAUST
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinion
- D. SAF/MIBR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinion



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS



MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

8 August 1997

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPPRA
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Randolph AFB TX 78150-4714

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records (DD Form 149)
[REDACTED]

1. REQUESTED ACTION. Applicant requests his Aerial Achievement Medal be upgraded to the Air Medal (basic).

2. BASIS FOR REQUEST. Applicant states an administrative error originally caused the Air Medal to be downgraded to Aerial Achievement Medal.

3. FACTS.

a. Applicant did not include a copy of the original recommendation for an Air Medal, or copies of any subsequent recommendations. Nor did he include a copy of the orders/certificate/citation for the Aerial Achievement Medal he has received.

b. Applicant's computer printout reflects only the latest decorations:

(1) Aerial Achievement Medal, closeout date of 17 Nov 92, awarded by HQ [REDACTED] Air Control Wing in Nov 94.

(2) Air Force Commendation Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, closeout date of 4 May 96, awarded by [REDACTED] Air Force in May 96.

(3) Air Force Achievement Medal, closeout date of 1 May 93, awarded by HQ [REDACTED] Air Control Wing in May 94.

c. Applicant provided a *Synopsis of Events Leading to Final Submission of Air Medal Basic for Capt [REDACTED]*, but did not attach any documentation to substantiate the claims he made in this synopsis.

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(1) Applicant states he should have received the basic Air Medal for the period 22 Mar-10 Apr 91, the basic Aerial Achievement Medal (AAM) for the period 15 Apr-3 Dec 91, the First *Oak Leaf Cluster* to the AAM for the period 6 Dec-17 Nov 92, and the Second *Oak Leaf Cluster* to the AAM for the period 20 Nov 92-22 Dec 93. This is in conflict with the closeout date of his AAM listed on the computer printout as being 17 Nov 92.

(2) Applicant has not submitted any documentation to substantiate his claim that he re-submitted a recommendation for the Air Medal or a request for reconsideration to upgrade the Aerial Achievement Medal to the Air Medal, or any responses to such submissions.

(3) Applicant has not submitted any documentation to substantiate his claim that he registered a complaint with an Inspector General or subsequent inquiries regarding a response.

d. Applicant has not submitted any documentation reflecting local policy in Saudi Arabia of awarding the Air Medal for a certain number of combat flight missions.

4. DISCUSSION. Applicant has not met the USCENTAF requirements for award of the Air Medal. An excerpt from the *USCENTAF Decorations Guidebook - DESERT SHIELD/STORM*, dated 1 Mar 91, reflects a requirement of:

a. 20 operational reconnaissance/combat support missions for award of the Aerial Achievement Medal, which is only awarded for pre- and post-hostilities. DESERT SHIELD occurred 2 Aug 90-16 Jan 91; DESERT STORM occurred 17 Jan-28 Feb 91. However, merely flying a certain number of missions did not qualify an individual; recommendations had to substantiate that the missions obtained information of major importance to the security of the United States or its allies or exposed the crew to circumstances that had the potential to lead to actual combat.

b. 10 combat missions or 20 combat support missions for award of the Air Medal, and it could only be awarded for sustained flying during hostilities within the Area of Responsibility and completed on or after 17 Jan 91 through the termination of hostilities.

The applicant only provided documentation for flying during 22 Mar-1 May 91. He did not provide documentation to substantiate his flying 10 combat or 20 combat support missions during the period 17 Jan-28 Feb 91 in the Area of Responsibility. Therefore, he is not eligible for award of the Air Medal.

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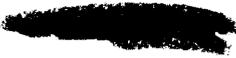
3. RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend disapproval of the applicant's request for his Aerial Achievement Medal to be upgraded to the Air Medal.

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